

MORETON BAY



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SPEND A SUNSHINE HOLIDAY *in* MORETON BAY ★

BLUE SEA AND GOLDEN DAYS

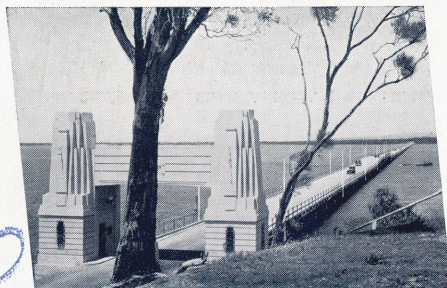
WIDE days of blue sea and golden sunlight, and nights massed with stars or bright with the green witchery of moonlight; the crackle and smash of surf on silver sands, and the quietude of sheltered havens; the keen salt kiss of flying spindrift, and the soft caress of opaline waves . . . Moreton Bay, the archipelago of islands, and the long sweep of indented foreshores constitute an ideal realm of holiday—a happy region far removed from the hurly-burly and breathless activity of the larger resorts. Here you may sojourn for enchanted days, absorbing the sweet influences of the region, bathing in tonic sparkling waters, breathing deeply the ozone-laden air, and capturing a phial of health-giving elixir—an alembic of sunshine and wild salt winds blowing fresh and free from eternity to eternity.

Holidays among the islands of Moreton Bay will leave unforgettable memories. There will be, among others, happy recollections of a trip through Pumicestone Passage, the Glass Houses standing sharp against the west like monoliths to a vanished age, and wild-fowl lifting from among the reeds as the silence is broken by the splashing of the quaint paddle-boat on the Caloundra-Bribie service; high creamy sand dunes on Moreton Island shawled with sea lavender, loping leagues of sea charging the gleaming shores, and kingfisher hues of Flinders' Passage; hazy, mazy-blue seascapes from the heights of St. Helena, where, leaning against an ancient cannon, with the ruins of the prison behind, we might once again recall the early discoverers—Cook and Flinders, Bingle and the "Sally," Edwardson and the "Snapper," Oxley and the "Mermaid"; saffron dawns at Myora, with the sea like mother-of-pearl, listening to the first bird-calls from the island—magpies showering their mellow notes on the aromatic silence, the crashing mockery of a kookaburra, the distant cawing of crows, and butcher-birds practising their rich phrases; the exciting spectacle of fish shoaling into the bay, flecks of silver and emerald flashing through the lucid water, or the annual phenomenon of mullet moving in hugh schools north along the coast; the quietude of sheltered havens broken by flight of parrots shrill against the noonday blue, and the leap of fish at night when waiting for the tide off Pat's Point; delightful forest walks across Stradbroke, where crystal streams rill hill and vale, flowers underfoot, an arras on the shrubs and a canopy overhead exuding honeyed incense; jagged headlands at Point Lookout, Nature's fretwork cut by wind and tide, with the surf breaking in foamy turmoil far to the north and away to the south, white-plumed and lacy-edged, hyacinth and cerulean, with sap-green shallows clear as glass; snappering off Flat Rock, swordfishing off Cape Moreton, angling for squire off Peel Island reefs; beating down to Jumpinpin through Canaipa Passage, with the rip tide running strong; the scented breath of woodsmoke rising from a camp by Lake Kaboora, or the mainsail flap, the gunwale slap of dancing waves as the yacht curvets and threads its course among the tangled waterlanes of this bay of islands—

*And when the soft winds drop at night,
And on the scarcely stirring sea
The launch rides free, a gleam of white,
The tide runs silently;
How beautiful! No ripples break the reach,
While silvery wavelets whisper up the beach.*



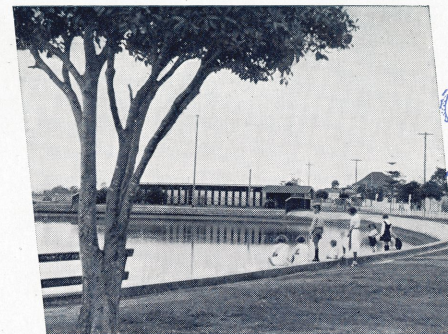
Among the Pineapples, Redland Bay District.



Viaduct (1½ miles), Hornibrook Highway.



Papaws, Redland Bay District.



The Bathing Pool, Wynnum.



The Esplanade, Manly.



Victoria Point.



MORETON BAY (with an area of 735 square miles) is protected from the Pacific surge by Bribie, Moreton, and Stradbroke Islands. These insular Ardens, together with groups and clusters of smaller isles, form a truly enchanting marine playground. Cruising along the lanes and waterways between the archipelago of islands, fishing off the reefs and headlands and in the deep channels, bathing in pellucid bays or in the thundering surf on the outer beaches, exploring cool green valleys and forested hills of the larger islands . . . There is an infinite number of pleasures which a vacation among the islands of Moreton Bay can offer.

BRIBIE ISLAND

LONG and narrow, this island of 59 square miles extends from Toorbul Point to Caloundra, with the ocean beach on one side, and on the other the tranquil waters of Deception Bay and Pumicestone Passage. Access is by means of s.s. "Koopah," which leaves Circular Quay several times weekly on the 78 miles round trip (three hours each way). Visitors may prefer to journey by motor 'bus to Redcliffe and then connect with the steamer. The period on the water is thus reduced to one hour to Bribie each way. There is a 'bus service across the island between the township and the settlement on the ocean beach. Splendid fishing is obtainable along Pumicestone Passage, which winds its sinuous course for more than 20 miles. Launches may be hired for fishing and boating excursions. Accommodation may be obtained on the ocean beach and at the township of Bongaree. Bribie, with its wide range of holiday interests and picturesque setting, is indeed an appealing Bay resort. It was off Toorbul Point that Flinders anchored in 1799. He named Point Skirmish and "Pumice Stone River." Oxley, in 1823, anchored almost in the same place as Flinders, near the present jetty, and found one of four castaway cedar-getters living with the blacks. As the result of information received from Pamphlett and Finnigan, Oxley discovered the Brisbane River.

MORETON ISLAND

IN several respects, Moreton (72 square miles) is the most attractive of the islands, but there is no accommodation available for tourists. It is a popular calling place for yachtsmen. The Moreton sand dunes, thickly forested with eucalypts and conifers, are probably the highest in the world—Mount Tempest rising to almost 1,000 feet, and both Burnett Peak and Cone Hill to 900 feet. Moreton Bay was named by Cook on 16th May, 1770, after the Earl of Morton, President of the Royal Society when Cook left England. "Morton's Bay," however, was the long curve of the island's ocean beach, which was mistaken for the mainland. It was Flinders who named the island. Haworth, one of the early editors of "Cook's Voyages," wrongly added an "e" to the name making it "Moreton," which has become the accepted spelling.

STRADBROKE ISLAND

THIS island (103 square miles) is an old-established Bay resort among Brisbane sailing enthusiasts. Of recent years it has become a very popular holiday location, with regular launch services to Amity Point. Service cars run from Amity to Point Lookout, 8 miles distant to the South. The bold forelands, sandy coves, grassy slopes, and miles on miles of unbroken surfing beaches combine to make this new resort one of the most picturesque along the 3,000 miles of Queensland coastline. A kiosk and accommodation house is situated on the Point. It was in one of the havens formed by these rugged headlands that Matthew Flinders landed a party to refill a water cask. South from Amity on the westward side of the island is Dunwich, an asylum for the aged and infirm. S.S. "Otter" calls there twice weekly. Dunwich began its history as a penal settlement in 1828, four years after the first shipload of convicts from Sydney had been brought to the new station at Moreton Bay in the brig "Amity." Historic reminders of the early days are the stone jetty leading to the quaint little township, the main wing of the superintendent's residence, and other buildings, all of which were constructed by convict labour. Dunwich, Amity, St. Helena Island (once a prison where long-term prisoners were incarcerated), and several other regions of the Bay are redolent of history. The highest peak on Stradbroke is Mount Hardgraves (720 feet). There are several lakes and lagoons on the island, and numerous streams thread their murmurous course between the wooded ranges. Lake Kaboora is about 2 miles from Big Hill, and Blue Lake is about 6½ miles south-east from Dunwich. Further south Canaipa Passage, between Stradbroke and Russell Islands, leads to Jumpinpin, and from then onwards to Southport is a veritable maze of islands, a number of which are used for agricultural purposes.

AN ISLAND CRUISE

SEVERAL times weekly, from Brisbane, motor vessels make a cruise of 100 miles in Moreton Bay, first calling at Amity Point and after luncheon proceeding along the Rainbow Channel to Karra Garra Island, where tropical fruit farms may be inspected. The return trip is past Redland Bay, Victoria Point, Cleveland, Manly, Wynnum, and up the Brisbane River to the city—a scenic trip which can be thoroughly recommended.

TITLES OF PHOTOGRAPHS BELOW.

1. Sandgate Beach.
2. Sutton's Beach, Redcliffe.
3. Cleveland Point.
4. Wellington Point.
5. Redland Bay.

The Ocean Beach, Bribie Island. [Photo.: H. Main.

Near Canaipa Passage, Stradbroke Island. [Photo.: K. Rogers.

The Sandhills, Moreton Island. [Photo.: Miss Green.

The Blue Lake, Stradbroke Island. [Photo.: K. Rogers.



THE FORESHORES of Moreton Bay are bordered by a number of townships, which make popular holiday and health resorts within easy distance of Brisbane. These sea-girt settlements, well served as they are by train and 'bus services, are virtually suburbs of Brisbane. They commend themselves on the counts of scenic beauty, healthfulness, and economy of living conditions. To all intents and purposes they are self-contained towns, but share a community of interest by their incorporation (Redcliffe excluded) in Greater Brisbane. Apart from being charming little seaside resorts, they rank high as residential centres. Sandgate and Redcliffe Peninsula are situated north of the Brisbane River, while Wynnum, Manly, and the Cleveland-Redland Bay districts border the southern shores of the Bay.

SANDGATE

THIRTEEN miles from Brisbane by train and 14 miles by road, Sandgate and Shorncliffe are within a half-hour's pleasant journey from Brisbane. Bathing in sheltered waters may be enjoyed at the beach below Moora Park. An extensive area has been protected by a shark-proof net. The beach is illuminated by floodlights during the summer months. Moora Park and adjacent foreshores are ideal for picnicking. Charming seascapes are unfolded from the heights of Shorncliffe, while Cabbage-tree Creek offers opportunities for boating and fishing. The deep water at the end of the pier is also favoured by anglers. There is a golf course at Sandgate and facilities for all other sports to be played. Sandgate Esplanade, bordered by grassy strands and beautified with shady trees, possesses attractive picnic sites. Modern bathing pavilions, kiosks, a boat harbour and a pool for children's model boats, are among the additional attractions for visitors. Accommodation may be obtained in a number of well-conducted guesthouses. Temperatures are most equable throughout the year by these happy shores.

REDCLIFFE PENINSULA

WITH its 7 miles sweep of gently shelving beaches, its russet-red cliffs, emerald swards and entrancing seascapes of Moreton Bay, Redcliffe Peninsula is a most picturesque bayside playground. Hornibrook Highway, which spans Hay's inlet and connects Sandgate with Clontarf, provides a short and pleasant route, and brings Redcliffe within 22 miles of Brisbane. The viaduct, 1½ miles long, is the longest in Australia. Numbered among the more recent improvements on the Peninsula are five modern pavilions, terraced walks and well laid out enclosures. Clontarf and Woody Point (the "Humpybong" of the aborigines, the site of the first settlement at Moreton Bay), provide the best attraction for anglers. There is a splendid golf course, and an enclosed bathing reserve at Clontarf. Scott's Point and Margate are next, and further along the Peninsula is Sutton's Beach, with its charming setting of wooded bluffs. Then comes the main Redcliffe business centre, and beyond the newly-equipped jetty stretches Queen's Beach at the foot of high grassy terraces of modern holiday villas. One of the main attractions of Redcliffe's beaches is that bathing is safe along the 7 miles of foreshores. Scarborough, another splendid beach, is the last of the Peninsula's happy strands, and is one of the most popular of the camping reserves. Next comes the wide sweep of Deception Bay with the oddly-shaped Glass Houses rising sharply against the skyline, and further on are the glorious North Coast surfing resorts from Caloundra to Noosa Heads. There are co-ordinated road and rail services between Brisbane and Redcliffe Peninsula by way of Sandgate Station and Hornibrook Highway, and Petrie Station and Anzac Memorial Avenue. A motor-bus service also operates from Albert Square, City, direct to Redcliffe. S.S. "Koopaa" leaves Circular Quay for Redcliffe and Bribie Islands several times weekly.

WYNNUM-MANLY

THESE are adjacent townships situated some 13 miles from Brisbane along the southern shores of Moreton Bay. Regular train and motor-bus services operate from Melbourne Street Station and North Quay respectively. They are popular bayside resorts throughout the year, and large residential centres. From elevations such as Tingal Hill, Wynnum Heights, and Mount Margaret, delightful panoramas open out over chequered farmlands and the far-extending waters of Moreton Bay, with the clustering islands standing out like verdant bosses on a mobile plane of turquoise. In the distance tower Moreton and Stradbroke Islands, while nearer are Green, St. Helena, and Fisherman Islands at the entrance of the Brisbane River. Sailing and motor-boating in sheltered Waterloo Bay are popular recreations. Swimming may be enjoyed at a number of beaches along the seafront from Wynnum to Lota.

CLEVELAND

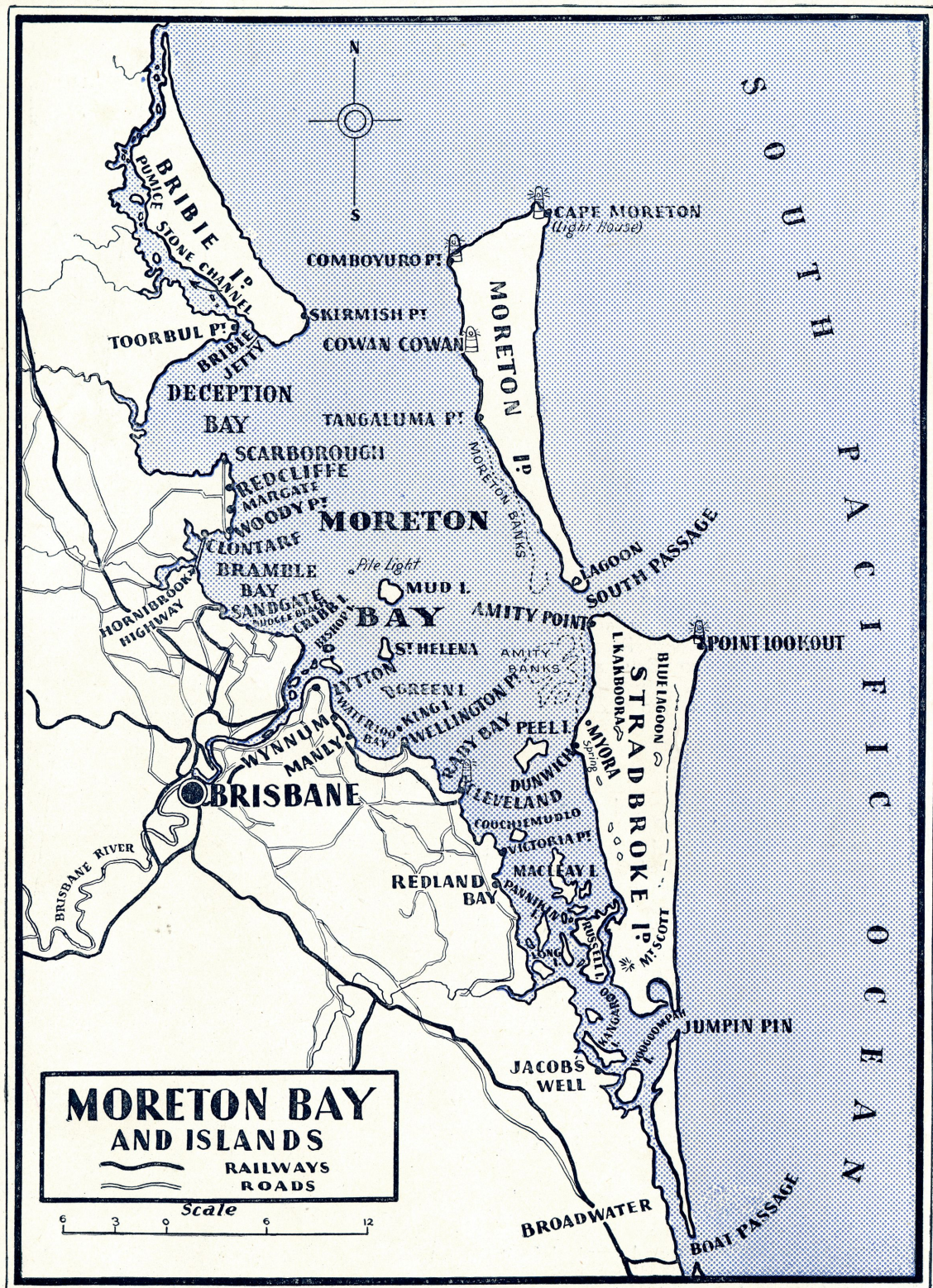
WELLINGTON POINT is a little further south, and then comes Raby Bay, which sweeps round to Cleveland Point, with its white lighthouse, old shade trees and memories of the past. Cleveland at one time bid fair to become the capital of Queensland. The squatting interests, mainly from the Darling Downs, resolved to ignore Brisbane and develop a new port at Cleveland, with Ipswich as the business centre for the trade of the interior. Wool stores, houses, and a stone jetty were constructed at Cleveland Point, and Bigge of Mount Brisbane built a brick hotel which was later known as "Bigge's Folly." But almost from the beginning the fates were unkind to Cleveland, and the project failed. However, the adjacent rich volcanic country quickly claimed the attention of agriculturalists. Relics of early settlement are still to be seen—an old fellmongery, the chimney stack of a sugar mill at Ormiston, quarters for the kanakas, historic Ormiston House and little church, the original Customs House, later used as a gaol, and several other historic landmarks.

REDLAND BAY

THE surrounding country, with its red soil and tropical fruit farms, is most picturesque. The Cleveland-Redland Bay area produces large quantities of fruit and vegetables. Pineapples, papaws, bananas, granadillas, passion-fruit, citrus-fruit, strawberries, and custard-apples grow to perfection in the rich red soil.

Victoria Point and Redland Bay, with their entrancing views of island-studded waterways, are further south. There is a maze of islands in this part of the Bay—Macleay, Coochi Mudlo, Garden, Karra Garra, Russell, Cobby Cobby, and many others. Cruising and fishing among this necklace of islands is a most enjoyable pastime.





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